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SUBJECT: TNPD HELICOPTERS

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- 1. AS INDICATED IN PARA TWO OF REF A, CHARGE DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE TO NITHIPHAT CHALICHAN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER, ON SEPT 27, EMBODYING INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF B. IN PRESENCE OF CHARGE, NITHIPHAT READ AIDE MEMOIRE CAREFULLY, TAKING PARTICULAR NOTE OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THE PROAG SIGNED SEPT 23 AND OF THE OBLIGATION ASSUMED BY THE RTG TO FIELD 55 BPP ANTI-NARCOTICS TEAMS IN THE 1974 PROAG. WE SHOWED NITHIPHAT THE REFERENCE TO THE 55 ANTI-NARCOTICS TEAMS IN THE PROAG.
- 2. NITHIPHAT SAID THAT THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR SUPERVISING THAI ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS WAS BEING ESTABLISHED IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AS A PERMANENT CLEMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S STAFF. IT IS TO HAVE BOTH POLICY AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. NITHIPHAT ADDED THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC WOULD BE A LONG ONE, AND IT WAS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL TO HAVE A FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL STAFF AVAILABLE WHICH WOULD ASSEMBLE AND MAINTAIN THE NECESSARY FILES AND INFORMATION FOR THIS COORDINATING EFFORT IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 3. NITHIPHAT ASKED WHEN RTG COULD ANTICIPATE DELIVERY OF THE HELICOPTERS. CHARGE REPLIED THAT WE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW. HOWEVER, WE WOULD REPORT HIS INQUIRY TO WASHINGTON AND WOULD BE IN FURTHER TOUCH WITH HIM WHEN WE RECEIVED AN ANSWER.
- 4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE WE HAVE NOW CARRIED OUT IN FULL THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF B. AS WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FIVE HELICOPTERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRODUCED, ARE MARKED WITH TNPD INSIGNE, AND ARE ON HAND AT FACTORY, WOUD APPRECIATE INDICATION WHEN THEY WILL BE SHIPPED, SO THAT WE CAN REPLY TO NITHIPHAT.

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